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to abrogate local control, to tell the city of Omaha how to run their affairs but I do think we have a larger function and this is that the function of the Legislature is to set standards that determine how all of the people in the state of Nebraska are going to be governed. I am, personally, satisfied that the present system of city council elections in the city of Omaha does not make it possible for all segments of the city to have the kind of representation they need, representation that is fair, equitable, and responsive to their particular needs. I hope that we will defeat the kill motion and that we will advance Senator Chambers' bill because I think this is the Legislature saying that we are taking our responsibility to set the kind of standards that insure fair and equitable government for all citizens of Nebraska.

SPEAKER: Now, Senator Skarda, did you wish to be recognized again.

SENATOR SKARDA: There is only one question, gentlemen. If any of you was in my shoes. In one end of you they put in a \$7,000,000 Paunch manure plant that was inefficient, that don't run, that has cost the tax payers to retire the bond that they paid for it somewhere in the neighborhood of \$750,000 a year and on the other end they put in a compacting plant and finally back off under the protest that the people that appeared against it, you'd be in the same position as I am. And I want to ask Senator Moylan one question. Senator Moylan, do you have a councilman in your district.

SPEAKER: Senator Moylan, do you care to respond?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. Chairman, yes, Senator Skarda, I believe Betty Abbott lives in my district.

SPEAKER: Thank you. Is there any further discussion on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Senator Snyder, do you care to close on your motion to indefinitely postpone? Senator Snyder is now closing.

SENATOR SNYDER: Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with those who said we have had good oratory this morning. That we have had, much of which I would disagree with, of course. I would remind this body that only three months ago the registered voters in the city of Omaha went to the polls on a district election vote. 82,945 were against. Only 44,162 favored that issue. Nearly two to one, the citizens of the city of Omaha, the only city with which we are confronted with in this bill, spoke against that proposal. There were many remarks this morning which I should make a little bit of mention to. I would remind you that LB 12 not only changes the style of elections in my city, it proposes to change the dates of the elections. Senator Chambers said that even--even if the proposal that the city council is now working on to place his proposed district elections on the ballot in May, he says he is afraid if we don't pass this bill, that the mayor of Omaha will withdraw the vote of the people. I don't believe so. I don't believe the city of Omaha has ever had a man of greater character than our present mayor. That man served as a Deputy Douglas County Attorney when I was a reporter. I used to spend quite a bit of time talking with him. He is a man of character, he is a man of courage and I certainly don't believe that Gene Leahy, if he says he is going to put it on the ballot would ever withdraw it. It will be there. He lives in my district and I consider him not only a great mayor but a great friend. Omaha is part of the state and I've supported this contention in my three years down here and I would hope that those of you who have made the assertions this morning that will remember some of the issues which in spite, sometimes local opposition at home. I have said Omaha is part of the state and if there is a statewide plan to be adopted from the Legislature, we belong in it. It was pointed out that only Councilman Arthur Bradley was here to